

5th District Lakes, Ponds, and Wetlands Task Force

Bird Count #9

May 21, 2008

El Dorado Regional Park

OBSERVATION #1

Location: El Dorado Park, Area III, South Lake

Time: 05/24/08; 8:30am-10:30am

Conditions: sunny with cool breeze(slight rain last night); 65 degrees

Observers: Barbara Hubbs and Ann Cantrell

American Coots	14
Mallards	8
Common Yellow Throat	2
Bushtits	1
Nutmeg Mannikins	6
House Finch	3
Great-Tailed Grackle	4
Barn Swallows	12
Northern Rough Wings	4
Brewer's Blackbirds	40
Red-Wing Blackbird	6
Ruddy Duck	5
Pied-Bill Grebe	1
Great Blue Heron	1
Red-Tail Hawk	1
Forster's Tern	2
Mourning Dove	6
Western Tanager	1
Western Bluebirds	4

OBSERVATION #2

Location: El Dorado Park, Area III, North Lake

Time: 05/24/08; 8:30am-10:30am

Conditions: sunny with cool breeze(slight rain last night); 65 degrees

Observers: Barbara Hubbs and Ann Cantrell

Domestic White Geese	24
Grey Lag Geese	3
Domestic Duck	2
Mallards	25
American Coots	2
Great Blue Heron	2
Green Heron	1
Canada Geese	1
Common Yellow Throat	1
Dusky Flycatcher	1
English House Sparrow	2
Starlings	2
Barn Swallows	13
Rock Pigeons	3
Red-Wing Blackbird	2

Species: 26

Birds: 229

Field Notes: The reeds around the lakes in Area III are very healthy and green--cattails are maturing and spreading seeds. We could hear many birds which we couldn't spot. I am concerned that park maintenance will be attacking these with Roundup next. I am asking Tom Shippey to please delay until at least September so the birds can finish nesting.

We saw a number of people fishing today and I asked several if they ate any they caught. They all said yes. When I told them there is evidence of toxins and bacteria in the lakes and that the fish may be infected, one lady said that she cooked them well-done and she thought that would make them safe to eat.